

Vaccination

PURPOSE & SCOPE

This document defines the policy for APA! feline and canine vaccinations. This policy applies to all APA! staff & volunteers involved in administering vaccinations for the Dog and Cat Programs.

POLICY

APA! staff and volunteers will vaccinate animals in accordance with the documented procedures. It is the policy of APA! to vaccinate more frequently, known as a herd immunity approach. This approach helps to control disease outbreak within APA! facilities and overall health and wellbeing of all animals with APA! care.

It is the policy of APA! to not re-vaccinate for FVRCP or DAPP until 2 weeks from previous vaccination has lapsed. FVRCP & DAPP vaccination is not considered past due until 4 weeks after the previous vaccine and starting the series over is not required unless such period has lapsed. An APA! staff veterinarian may request a change in protocol for a particular animal at their discretion.

Feline Vaccinations

1. FVRCP

- a. Starting as at 6 weeks of age, should be administered every 2 weeks until 16 weeks of age or adoption.
- b. Adults 16 weeks and over are given a total of 2 vaccines administered 2 weeks apart.
- c. Kittens living in the nursery start vaccines at 4 weeks of age or 1lb due to exposure.

2. Rabies

- a. Rabies vaccines are to be administered at 12 weeks of age and 3lbs (if age is questionable). No sooner. This is a legal requirement.

Canine Vaccinations

1. DAPP

- a. Starting at 6 weeks of age, should be administered every 2 weeks until 16 weeks of age or adoption.
- b. Adults 20 weeks or older are given a total of 2 vaccines administered 2 weeks apart.
- c. Puppies living on premises start vaccines at 4 weeks of age due to exposure.

2. Bordetella

- a. Administer at 6 weeks of age. No booster required. Administered yearly.

3. Rabies

- a. Rabies vaccines are administered at 12 weeks of age. No sooner. This is a legal requirement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Offsite and surgery requirements

- All dogs & puppies must have 2 DAPP vaccines more than 5 days prior to surgery or attending offsite locations.

When vaccinations are postponed?

- Fever of >105
- Lateral, non-responsive (i.e. crashing parvo puppy)